

ShelfLife



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Q³ Quality, Quantity, and so many Questions!



Director's Column

The retirement of Director Diane White in January had a large impact on the APL staff, as Diane was the consummate professional and mentor whose passion was this Library. That loss prompted promotions and reassignments that

have finally solidified so that, once again, APL is providing effective, quality public service to thousands of citizens 52 weeks a year.

The quarter began with a strong Library presence at the Town Hall Meeting, and the survey results from that meeting indicated that the Library had the largest number of responses for the “strongly agree” category. The quarter will end with results from a citywide survey and, most likely, decisions will be made regarding the Library project. Whatever the decision, we anticipate several new projects for the next year.

- The Library would like to enhance its fund-raising efforts and continue the crucial work of developing financial partners who give regularly to support our mission. This will include an annual fund-raising and outreach campaign—there are many in the community who still have no idea who we are, what we do, or why we exist.
- More marketing and outreach via our ever evolving and improving Web page.

70,000 customers this quarter

Over 4,000
informational/research
questions

More than 12,000
directionals provided

Nearly 1,000 volunteer hours

2,500 Food for Fines items
collected for FISH

368 new card registrations,
with business participation

130,000 items checked out

Additional hours for
staffing approved

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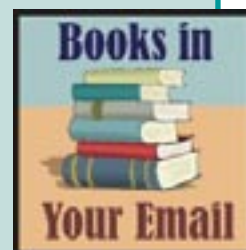
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“Dear Reader...”

The Friends of the Library invite you to join the club! More precisely, the Friends

encourage readers to join one or more of the Chapter-a-Day online book clubs that are now available to area readers. The clubs are free and will get you into a regular reading habit. Every weekday, Suzanne Beecher will E-mail and introduce to you a chapter of a book. Designed for the busiest people – stay-at-home

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- Partnering with the Linn Library League to ensure that project continues to move forward and that the entire county understands the issues, costs, timing, etc. Our approach will be guided by the Library bond issue.

For the fifth year in a row, over 90 percent of respondents were “very or extremely satisfied” with Library staff as indicated on the Customer Satisfaction Survey.

By way of reminder, here’s a “Did you know?” bit of info on our Library staff:

- Six staff members hold Master’s degrees, one has two Master’s.
- Two staff are certified Media Specialists.

- Two staff are former Library Directors.
- Stanford, Wisconsin, Berkeley graduates.
- Longevity—the seven who have worked at the Library longest, have worked an average of 14 years. That irreplaceable experience and local knowledge is another major strength for the community of Albany.
- All are totally committed to serving you, and wish you the very best in this Holiday season!

Paul Copple in his Radio Flyer visits the Library for books and videos. He pulls his sister, Hannah, sometimes.



"Libraries are one of the face-to-face services left where kids can come with no appointment and get professional services from someone with a master's degree who assigns no grades, makes no judgments. It's the greatest democratic institution ever created." – Patrick O'Brian

"Dear Reader..."

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moms, the Chapter-a-Day clubs are designed to get members back into the reading habit. Starting each Monday, a new book appears in your E-mail with a note from Suzanne. By the end of the week, you may have become ‘hooked’ on the book and need to borrow it from the Library to see what happens next! With over 3,000 public libraries participating in the Chapter-a-Day club, there is sufficient interest and readership to encourage discussion amongst club members so readers can add comments or find out what other readers think of the book of

the week. One could even E-mail it to a friend.



Take a break from work, or school, or housework and check out Albany’s newest book club and discussion group. Whatever your reading interests you will find a club that will pique your interest – there are 11 different clubs based on different genres. There is even an audio book club for the growing number of recorded book devotees. Miss a day? If you should miss a day or two, the ‘books’ are in your E-mail, share them with friends, read and reread them at your leisure. Join a club and begin to discover new books, new authors, and new

friends. Sponsored by the Friends of the Albany Public Library, these clubs are free to join and require only access to an E-mail account (the audio book club requires Real One – a free downloadable audio player).

Start your day with good friends and a good book, check your E-mail!

The link to the club is on the Library’s Web page <http://library.ci.albany.or.us/>.





Friends of the Library News



FRIENDS ANNOUNCE LINEUP OF PROGRAMS

Join the Friends every second Friday at noon in the Main Library meeting room. Mark your calendars!

January 9, 2004

I love a Mystery!

Join Coralie Wilson, Joan Dennis, Sallie Riehl, and Evedene Bennett as they discuss their favorite lady detectives.

February 13, 2004

Nichols Nursery

Rose Marie Nichols McGee, President of Nichols Garden Nursery, will talk about the history of Nichols Nursery and her books on plants and cookery. Take advantage of this great chance to learn about Nichols Nursery and to get inspired for a 'bountiful' garden of your own this spring.

March 9, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

CENSORSHIP

Joint Meeting with the AAUW

MaryKay Dahlgreen, Youth Services Consultant with the Oregon State Library and responsible for the Oregon Intellectual Freedom Clearinghouse, will discuss the challenges against all types of library materials in all types of Oregon libraries. The list of challenged materials is long. A preview of the Mission of the Clearinghouse and of the nature of complaints and resolutions is available at <http://www.osl.state.or.us/home/libdev/oifch.html>

March 12, 2004

Eden within Eden: Exploring Oregon's Utopian Heritage

Join Jim Kopp from Lewis and Clark College as he explores Oregon's interesting history of 'utopian' societies. From the historical community of Aurora, to the Bellamy colonies in Lincoln County, to the more recent Rajsneeshpuram, Oregon, has become

home to many short-lived communities seeking to establish new Edens.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The book sale held in November was a success. After the bills are paid the income will be approximately \$6,000. Joan Dennis and Betty Uebel wish to thank all the volunteers who helped with the set up and the sale itself. The Friends are very pleased that so many of Albany's citizens visited the sale. Business was steady throughout the three days, and the items seemed to fly off the tables. We are looking forward to next year's sale and would be happy to hear any suggestions you have to improve our system.



BOOKS FOR THE LINN GREETER'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Friends contributed over 60 new children's books to the Linn Greeters Christmas basket program this year. The Friends purchased over 40 of the books and added the rest from donations from members.

FRIENDS PROVIDE 'ICING ON THE CAKE'!

The success of this year's book sale has made it possible for the Friends to support and contribute to the success of our Library. A new display rack will soon grace the entryway of the Main Library. A portable sound system is already available in the meeting room to make meetings and programs more enjoyable. For our online Friends, the 'Dear Reader' book club will soon be delivering books and messages sponsored by the Friends. The program will offer book excerpts to read as an E-mail. And the continuing program to support the upkeep of the Self-Check machine will be funded as well. More funds will be available for summer children's programs this coming year (this past summer over 1,100 area children participated – an all time record!). Your memberships and your support of the book sales help keep the City Libraries such a treat for our community. We hope you will continue to renew your membership in the Friends group.

Friends of the Library Membership Form

Please check your selections. All dues are yearly fees.

- \$5 Senior, 65 years old or more \$10 Individual \$15 Family
 \$25 Sustaining \$50 Sponsor

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Art on Display at the Main Library

January 10 - March 6, 2004

Pavla Zakovy - Laney Photographs

March 6 - May 8, 2004

Mary Berry Watercolor & Multimedia

May 8 - July 10, 2004

Diane Wenzel Watercolors & Acrylics

Please come and support your local artists! Art can be viewed during the open hours of the Library and is available for purchase.

Don't miss the art at the Library!



Jean Bubak, *Woody*

The Albany Public Library

Ed Gallagher, Library Director

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<http://library.ci.albany.or.us>

We offer two full-service libraries to meet your needs:

Main Library

1390 Waverly Drive SE

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Monday to Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Phone: 917-7585

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